

# Windham Forestry Committee

## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 10, 2015

### ATTENDANCE:

Wanda Rice – Chair  
Norman Babineau – Vice Chair  
Holly Hanford Oliver – Secretary  
Wayne Morris – Conservation Commission  
James Finn – Conservation Commission (excused)

*Wanda called meeting to order at 9:38 am.*

### DISCUSSION:

Norm motioned to approve the May 29 and June 4 Meeting Minutes, Wanda seconded. Motion was approved 3-0-0. Wayne arrived at 9:40 am.

Peter Zhodi presented his well plans for two new Wood Meadow Estates subdivision wells, with a well protective radius of 200 feet, which may or may not cross into the McIlvaine Town Forest. The wells will be located on 95 acres of open space land that will be donated to the town as conservation land with well easements. He reviewed the well imaginary radius restrictions, and requested an easement from the Forestry Committee for the protective well radius that might possibly cross into the town forest. Norm asked if the small parcels would be cut up or left contiguous, and Peter responded the latter. Norm asked if open space property could be donated as “town forest” land instead of conservation. Wayne explained that open space regulations only allow land to be transferred as conservation land. Norm motioned to approve the easement on town forest property for the Wood Meadow Estates subdivision well protective areas, and Wayne seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0. Wayne explained the Trails Committee reviewed the subdivision plans and proposed trail connections to existing woods roads and trails. Peter added that all donated land will have the boundary corners surveyed and marked in the field.

Wanda discussed the Planning Board public hearing, and the resident requesting a later start time and Saturdays off during the harvest. We agreed that Saturdays should be avoided because of the town dump hours, but we will adhere to the town work hours of 7 am start time.

We discussed the status of the trailhead signs and Wanda’s new additional “No Motor Vehicles” signs prohibiting the use of motorized vehicles (ATVs). Holly will update the current informational signs, and Wanda will work on an informational article highlighting allowed and not allowed uses.

Timber Tax Abatement—the logger will be paying the timber tax.

Discussed the upcoming article for the Windham Independent regarding the new forest name. Wayne is planning to write history article this month.

Rules of Procedure—nothing new to report.

Wanda met with Mr. Khan about increasing the buffer along his property. Wanda will review with Mike and come up with a compromise.

We discussed the tree removal plan around the stone foundations, and agree to clear around them carefully without causing damage to the structures.

Wanda reviewed the harvest bid numbers and motioned to approve the highest estimated bid D. H. Hardwick and Sons, which was quite agreeable, Wayne seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0. Wayne motioned to have Wanda sign the logger contract after the Committee reviews it via email, Norm seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0.

Wanda discussed using large concrete blocks instead of jersey barriers at the dump access, which are more readily available. No one has issues with using blocks if ok with Jack.

Norm was reappointed by the BOS for a 3-year term. Wayne motioned to have all committee members will keep their current officer duties for another year. Wanda seconded. Motion approved 4-0-0.

Norm distributed and reviewed our harvest timeline. Wanda suggested we may want to ask for Forestry Fund appropriations in 2016 for trail work contingent upon the harvest producing revenues.

Brian Welch has offered to provide free drone video of our project. We discussed whether to document before or after the harvest, and in which season. Wanda will invite him to a meeting to discuss the specifics with our committee further.

Next meeting is planned for Wednesday, August 26 at 9:30 am in the CDD room.

*Wanda motioned to adjourn, Norm seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:23 am.  
Motion approved 4-0-0.*

# Forest Management Timeline Update (7/10/15)

<b>EVENT</b>	<b>TIMING</b>	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Competitive bidding on forest management	<b>Completed Fall 2014</b>	Committee	BSF bid approved 12/5
Post tree hunting stands for removal	<b>Completed Fall 2014</b>	Wanda/Norm/Holly	2 Stands Posted, +1 at Osgood
Submit 2014 annual town/state reports	<b>Completed Winter 2014-15</b>	Norm/Wanda	Town and State submitted
Removal of any remaining tree hunting stands	<b>Completed Winter 2014-15</b>	Norm/Wanda	2 Stands Removed 3/6
Letter to CCD for notification and technical review	<b>Completed Winter 2014-15</b>	Wanda	Wanda delivered
General article on forest management benefits	<b>Completed Winter 2014-15</b>	Wanda	Wanda published
Mark trees to be harvested	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Forester	Weeks of 3/16 - 4/21
Newspaper/web article about forest wildlife	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Committee	Wanda published vernal info
BOS approval to use Landfill for access landing	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Wanda/Committee	5/18 BOS meeting
Newspaper/web article with status and goals	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Wanda	Wanda published Silviculture
CDD Technical Review Committee	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Wanda/Committee	5/26 Meeting
Public Forestry Workshop & Education	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Committee	6/2 Meeting
Planning Board public hearing	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Wanda/Committee	6/17 Hearing
Post "No Motorized Vehicles" signs	<b>Completed Spring 2015</b>	Wanda	6/19 (4) signs
Harvest logger bid process initiated	<b>Completed Summer 2015</b>	Forester	6/23 Viewing
Remove hunting stand near Corliss	<b>Completed Summer 2015</b>	Wanda/Norm	6/29 Eric R. assisted
Approve logger high bid	<b>Completed Summer 2015</b>	Committee	7/10 Meeting
Sign logger contract	Summer 2015	Wanda	
Harvesting activities	Summer/Fall 2015	Forester/Logger	
Send out letters to neighbors for a forest tour	Summer/Fall 2015	Forester/Committee	
Discussion of a 2016 town warrant article	Fall 2015	Committee	
2016 Budget request to fund minutes taker	Fall 2015	Committee	Request in September
Submit 2015 annual town/state reports	Winter 2015-16	Committee	
Discussion on town forest by-laws	Summer 2016	Committee	Hunting, camping, dogs